

SINE TECO S.D. ANNO DOMINI 1691.

That is witnessed by their Majesties Justices. viz.

John: French. James: May. Robert: King. m. James: Pastore. m. Thomas: Newbold. m.  
James: Round. m. Samuel: Hopkyns. m. Thomas: Jones. Capt John: King.

Sir. Mat. Comerford County. Sir. the Jures for their Majesties at a Grand Jury held  
for his body of this County the second Tuesday in March last past being  
Sworn upon the holy Evangelists do present and find that James English  
of this County Gentleman, together with one John Mason upon the fourteenth  
day of April Anno: Domij 1690 did upon a point known by the name of  
Somphur point in Minotum River within the Jurisdiction of this Court, steal  
and carry away four hogg's belonging to and of the proper mark of Elmer. And widow of the value of nine  
hundred and nine pounds of tobacco being not only a great damage, detriment and injury to the said Elmer but  
also to all the good people of this Precint. Motivite stundey of the sacred and divine Law o. God expressed in the  
Ecclesiasticall commandement, in these positive words, then shall not steal. and in Contempt of the good laws and institutions  
of this their Majesties Precint, thereby dismencing Almighty God, giving scandall and evil example to all the  
good people of this Precint, and agt the publick peace. Wherefore their Majesties Attorney sealed judgment may  
be entered agt the sd James: English, and that he suffer the penit and punishment inflicted by law in that case  
made and provided. agt due offenders. etc. Fa. Long. Dr. C. Guds.

The Judgment being reade whereupon said James: English pleaded not guilty and for his tryall  
put himself upon the Country and no Bedford Comand was given to the sherrif to summon twelve  
good and lawfull men of this tredyng that the matter might be sett forth under stood. wherupon came  
John: Eunott. John: Smart. John: Henderson. John: Dufon. John: Hobbs. John: Gray. Edward: Evans. John: Hudson  
John: Bryan. Edward: Thomas. John: James: Longrell. Aaron: Bishop. 12. who being duly returned impaneld  
and sworn having deliberately heard the Judgment as also the Oathes of the said men obidient fairly  
examined by Richard: Davis. Thomas: Royall. John: Royall. James: Corril. Anne: Mason. John:  
Bozman. John: Renshaw. John: Johnson. Pastore. Bartlett. and having red their charges are put forth  
to determine the same. came whereupon the said Jury being now returned in Court being unanimously  
agreed to returne their following Verdict. the selfe being sealed, is Ordered to be read. as followeth  
(viz) we of the Jury find the defendant guilty of the Judgment. John: Eunott. foreman.

whereupon it was ad abesse, by this Court to be entered.

This Courts judgment hereon was Ordered. that the selfe James English pay to Elmer and the half  
of his four fold. viz. fourteen hundred thirly, fifti pounds of tobacco. and also Ordered the said English  
to be lashed at the whipping post upon his bare back to be well laid on. as also that the said English  
giv. good behavir for his good behavir during the Courts pleasure and wherupon came the selfe John  
with his two seruantes (viz) Thomas: Corry. & John: Johnson. And the selfe John did by recognizance  
open Court confess him selfe to be indebt to their Majesties in the sum of fourtyn pounds Sterling money of England  
the selfe Corry and Johnson in fifti pounds like money a pice to be laid on their goods and chattels lands  
and appurtenances for their Majesties. and the condition of whiche recognizance is surety if the aboves bounden  
James: English do of his good behavir and abearance to all their Majesties Lige people of this Precint during  
the Courts pleasure to also pay Court charges than the recognizance in full forte and boleyn.